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SUBJECT: SS - Information on the National Social Sciences Manual and Technical Reports

TO: All Employees

PURPOSE: To provide information on the National Social Sciences Manual and Technical Reports produced by the Social Sciences Team (Team) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2006

FILE: Under Social Sciences 420, Part 500, with a copy of the National Social Sciences Manual

The National Social Sciences Manual is posted on <http://www.ssi.nrcs.usda.gov/policy/index.html>, the identification (ID) number is P 001. This manual provides guidance for conducting social evaluations and social impact assessments for implementing policies, plans and projects concerning natural resources. These methods also meet the requirements of law, executive orders, administrative decisions and directives and meet professional standards in planning.

Several Technical Reports produced by the Social Sciences Team of the NRCS are available at: <http://www.ssi.nrcs.usda.gov/publications/#techreports>. Some examples follow:

- T 027 "Guide for Estimating Participation in Conservation Programs and Projects" (East National Technical Support Center, 2004)
- T 024 "The Leadership Assessment Instrument" (Linkage, Inc. and Clearfield, 2003)
- T 025 "Barriers and Strategies Influencing the Adoption of Nutrient Management Practices" (Brant, 2003)
- T 026 "Evaluation Resource Needs of Native American Tribal Governments in the Midwest Region" (Magnuson, Wallace, and Clearfield, 2003)
- T 020 "Adding Up Social Capital: An Investment in Communities" (Clearfield, 2002)
- T 021 "Earth Team Volunteer Survey" (Clearfield, 2002)
- T 022 "Adoption of Conservation Buffers: Barriers and Strategies" (Brant, 2002)
- T 019 "Core Conservation Practices: Adoption Barriers Perceived by Small and Limited Resource Farmers" (Molnar, Bitto, and Brant, 2001)
- T 001 "Voluntary and Regulatory Approaches, What is Necessary in Conservation Today" (Brant, 2001)
- T002 "Environmental Justice: Perceptions of Issues, Awareness, and Assistance" (Berry, 2001)
- T 002a "Environmental Justice Executive Summary Report" (Berry, 2001)

Additional reports are available that provide technical, scientific coverage of natural resources, and social science topics in depth. [Other product information](#) is available under the miscellaneous table. The “[Marketing Guidebooks](#)”, produced by the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Team, help conservation districts and conservation offices market natural resource conservation and build better conservation programs. “[Product and Program Brochures](#)” and “[People, Partnerships, and Communities](#)” information is available.

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